

The Carl Vinson VA Medical Center (CVVAMC)

The medical center began life as a U.S. Navy hospital, with construction beginning in October 1943. Part of its construction was done under the auspices of the Civilian Conservation Corps, or CCC, one of President Roosevelt's programs to help the nation recover from the Great Depression. Built on the site of a local farm, much of the block used was obtained from the local Oconee River employing local labor.

On January 22nd, 1948, the Veterans Administration assumed ownership and designated the facility a Veterans Affairs Administration hospital. On May 28th, 1984, the hospital was renamed the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center in honor of longtime U.S. senator Carl Vinson, credited as the driving force that brought the VA medical center to middle Georgia.

Interesting facts . . .

- After World War II, the medical center housed several German prisoners of war who were imprisoned in the brig cells located in the basement of Building 4. Although the cell bars are now used in the Plumbing Shop as a store room, the cells, complete with German graffiti, still exist.
- Helen Keller and Miss Universe 1969 once visited the CVVAMC. (Not together!)
- In April 2013, the CVVAMC will be reviewed for possible inclusion in the national registry of historical sites.

Mission

To improve the health status of Veterans . . .

Vision

To be the provider of choice for Veterans . . .



Values—I-CARE

Integrity, Commitment, Advocacy, Respect, Excellence

Honoring Veterans service and empowering their health by providing personalized, proactive, patient-driven healthcare to America's heroes.

Executive Management



Maryalice Morro, RN, MSN
Director



Gerald "Jay" De Worth
Associate Director



Dr. Shirley Warren, RN
*Associate Director,
Patient Care Services*



Dr. Reginald Labossiere
Interim Chief of Staff

VA Structure

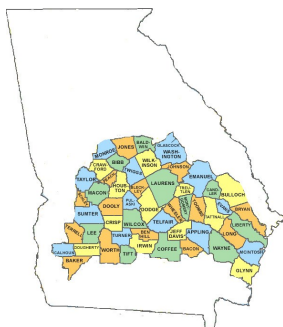
The CVVAMC is one of three administrations in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), with the other two being the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) and the National Cemetery Administration (NCA). The Veterans Administration became the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in 1989, a presidential Cabinet-level organization. The CVVAMC is one of eight VA medical centers in Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 7.



Community Clinics

- Albany, GA
- Brunswick, GA
- Macon, GA
- Perry, GA
- Milledgeville, GA
- Tifton - coming in 2015

Care Catchment Area



The CVVAMC treats approximately 40,000 Veterans from 52 counties in middle and southeast Georgia.

Services

- **Primary Care**
- **Mental Health**, including Mental Telehealth, domiciliary programs, substance abuse treatment, homelessness prevention, and the K9 Detection Training program in affiliation with Auburn University
- **Dental**
- **OEF/OIF/OND Veterans Program**
- **Geriatrics**
- **Compensation & Pension (C&P)**
- **Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation**
- **Women's Health**
- **Cardiology**
- **Audiology**
- **Neurology**
- **Vocational Rehabilitation**
- **Extended Care**
- **Ancillary Services**
- **TeleHealth**

Statistics

Daily Census . . .

- Acute Hospital Care 16
- Community Living Center 143
- Domiciliary 103
- Prescriptions 2,550
- Surgeries 6

Resources . . .

- 1,500 fulltime employees or equivalents
- Annual budget of \$ 210,000,000.00

Patient Centered Care

The CVVAMC subscribes to the philosophy that the needs of our customers—Veterans, families, visitors—should drive every thing that we do. Based on this philosophy, we incorporate the social, dietary, and spiritual needs of our customers into every facet of our operations. Treating Veterans as they want to be treated is the focus of the patient and family centered approach to healthcare, a principle that we support by having open visiting with no specified visiting hours, allow patients a wide choice of menu items, as well as pets, music, and environmental details that create a homelike atmosphere that ensures the highest quality healthcare to achieve in the best outcomes in collaboration with the Veterans and their families. The patient centered care, or PCC, philosophy allows us to work with patients and their families to provide them with information that they need in a respectful and dignified environment that honors the sacrifices of America's heroes.

Contact

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